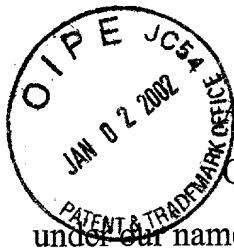


## DECLARATION



As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

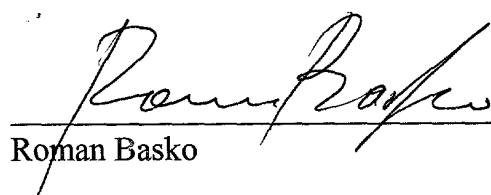
Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "IMPORTING DATA USING METADATA," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 1, 2001 and assigned application number 09/872,867, confirmation number 1091 (Attorney Docket No. 342818021US).

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

  
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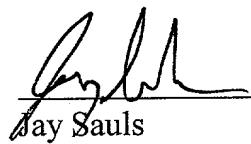
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PATENT



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Roman Basko et al.

Application No. : 09/872,867 Confirmation No.: 1091

Filed : June 1, 2001

For : IMPORTING DATA USING METADATA

Art Unit : 2151

Docket No. : 342818021US

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

Assignee hereby appoints JERRY A. RIEDINGER, Registration No. 30,582; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; MICHAEL D. BROADDUS, Registration No. 41,637; CATHERINE HONG TRAN, Registration No. 43,960; ROBERT G. WOOLSTON, Registration No. 37,263; PAUL T. PARKER, Registration No. 38,264; JOHN M. WECHKIN, Registration No. 42,216; CHRISTOPHER DALEY-WATSON, Registration No. 34,807; STEVEN D. LAWRENZ, Registration No. 37,376; JAMES A.D. WHITE, Registration No. 43,985; EDWARD S. HOTCHKISS, Registration No. 33,904; JAMES NICKELSON, Registration No. 46,140; STEPHEN E. ARNETT, Registration No. 47,392; and DAVINA L. CHILDS, Registration No. 47,485,

of Perkins Coie LLP, as the principal attorneys with full power of substitution, association, and revocation to prosecute said application, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to receive the letters patent therefor. Please direct all correspondence to Customer Number 25096.

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to digiMine, Incorporated filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

digiMine, Incorporated

Oct 26, 2001  
Date

Robert O. Bolan  
Robert O. Bolan  
Secretary and Vice President of Legal Affairs

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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Roman Basko of Newcastle, Washington, Sri Krishna Nakka of Bellevue, Washington, Jay Sauls of Woodinville, Washington, and Radha Krishna Uppala of Redmond, Washington, ("ASSIGNORS"), having a post office address of 10500 NE Eighth Street, 13th Floor, Bellevue, Washington 98004-4732 are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "IMPORTING DATA USING METADATA," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on June 1, 2001 and assigned Application No. 09/872,867.

WHEREAS, digiMine, Incorporated ("ASSIGNEE"), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at 10500 NE Eighth Street, 13th Floor, Bellevue, Washington 98004-4732, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention and in and to any patents that may be granted therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNEE hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention as set forth in the above-mentioned application, including any continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations, or extensions thereof, any other inventions described in the application, and any and all patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be issued for the invention, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from the United States application to which foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, the invention, application and all patents on the invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same

would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer, and sale not been made.

UPON THE ABOVE-STATED CONSIDERATIONS, ASSIGNORS agree to not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with this assignment, and at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, execute all instruments and documents and do such additional acts as ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable to perfect ASSIGNEE's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign patents on the invention, for litigation regarding the patents, or for the purpose of protecting title to the invention or patents therefor.

ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Patent of the United States that may be issued for the invention to ASSIGNEE.

10/4/2001

Date

Roman Basko

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State of WASHINGT0N)

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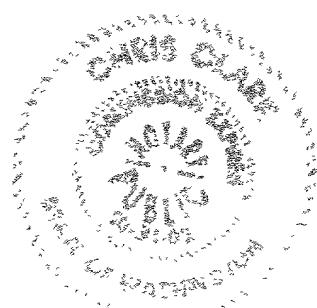
I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Roman Basko is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated 10/4/2001

Signature of  
Notary Public Chris Clark

Printed Name CHRIS CLARK

My appointment expires 10/31/2002



Oct 24, 2001

Date

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Sri Krishna Nakka

State of WASHTINGTON )

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Sri Krishna Nakka is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

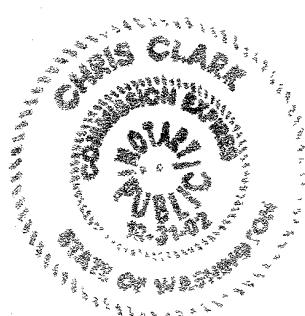
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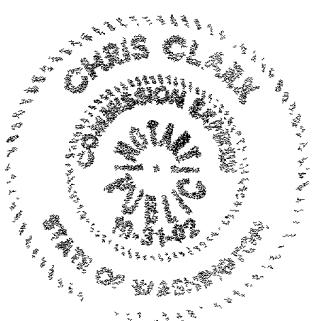
I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Jay Sauls is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

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Date

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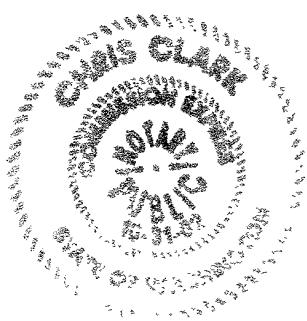
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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Radha Krishna Uppala is the person who appeared before me, and the person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



Dated 10-26-2001

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Notary Public

Chris Clark

Printed Name CHRIS CLARK

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